

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

NR Eligible: yes _____
no ☒

Property Name: Rogers Heights Historic District Inventory Number: AA-2312
Address: ~~105 Roseoe Rowe Boulevard~~ City: Annapolis Zip Code: 21401
County: Anne Arundel USGS Topographic Map: Annapolis
Owner: Myers, Grow, and McCormick Is the property being evaluated a district? ☒ yes
Tax Parcel Number: 2-125 Tax Map Number: 3Z Tax Account ID Number: _____
Project: MD 70 Over Weems Creek and College Creek Agency: SHA
Site visit by MHT staff: ☒ no _____ yes _____ Name: _____ Date: _____
Is the property is located within a historic district? _____ yes ☒ no

If the property is within a district District Inventory Number: _____
NR-listed district _____ yes Eligible district _____ yes Name of District: _____
Preparer's Recommendation: Contributing resource _____ yes _____ no Non-contributing but eligible in another context _____ yes

If the property is not within a district (or the property is a district) Preparer's Recommendation: Eligible ☒ yes _____ no

Criteria: _____ A _____ B ☒ C _____ D Considerations: _____ A _____ B _____ C _____ D _____ E _____ F _____ G ☒ None

Documentation on the property/district is presented in:
MIHP Inventory # AA-2313

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination: *(Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)*

The Rogers Heights Historic District is eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places under Criteria C for Architecture. The district consists of an intact collection of various early twentieth century styles, including early-twentieth century vernacular, Bungalow, one circa 1946 manufactured home (referred to locally as a "Harundale" house), and simple Cape Cod cottages. The houses are well maintained and retain much of their original materials. There has been little significant change to the property since the 1950s. The property reflects a feeling of early suburban development. As a collection, the houses provide a good example of some of the variety and transition of early-twentieth century residential architecture. The Rogers Heights neighborhood maintains a peaceful residential setting with strong association with life in the pre- and post-World War II period.

Prepared by: Melissa Hess/KCI Technologies, Inc.

Date Prepared: 6/13/03

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW

Eligibility recommended _____

Eligibility not recommended ☒

Criteria: _____ A _____ B _____ C _____ D Considerations: _____ A _____ B _____ C _____ D _____ E _____ F _____ G _____ None

MHT Comments

Tom Tanaka ✓
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

7/31/03
Date

Blunt
Reviewer, NR Program

8/4/03
Date

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CAPSULE SUMMARY**Rogers Heights Historic District (AA-2312)****304-321 Rogers Heights Road****Annapolis****c.1920-1950****Private**

The Rogers Heights Historic District contains nine buildings built in various early-twentieth century architectural styles. The buildings are either single-family residences or domestic outbuildings. The property sets on the southern shore of Weems Creek and to the west of Roscoe C. Rowe Boulevard (MD 70). Styles and forms represented include early-twentieth century vernacular, Bungalow, one circa 1946 manufactured home (referred to locally as a "Harundale" house), and simple Cape Cod cottages. The houses are well maintained and retain much of their original materials. There has been little significant development of the property since the 1950s. The property reflects a feeling of early-twentieth century suburban residential development.

The Rogers Heights Historic District is recommended eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion C for Architecture. Rogers Heights was once part of larger estate and originally called Solomsons Heights. The oldest homes were built as summer guest homes for the main estate. In the early 1950s, the original three-story house, along with the property's boathouse on Weems Creek, was torn down to make way for the construction of Rowe Boulevard.

Despite close proximity to a busy thoroughfare, the Rogers Heights neighborhood has maintained a peaceful residential setting with strong association with life in the first half of the twentieth century.

Maryland Historical Trust

Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. AA-2312

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Solomsons Heights

other **Rogers Heights Historic District** (preferred)

2. Location

street and number 304-321 Rogers Heights Road not for publication

city, town Annapolis vicinity

county Anne Arundel

3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Myers, Grow, and McCormick

street and number c/o Margaret Whiteside, 510 Wilson Road telephone

city, town Annapolis state MD zip code 21401

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. liber folio

city, town tax map 3Z tax parcel 2-125 tax ID number

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
☐ Other:

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing
<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	9
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> defense	
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	
		<input type="checkbox"/> education	1
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	10
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	
		<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:	

Number of Contributing Resources
previously listed in the Inventory

7. Description

Inventory No. AA-2312

Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

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Access to Rogers Heights is gained by a frontage road off the northwest corner of the intersection of Rowe Boulevard and Farragut Road. The secluded nature of the neighborhood stands in marked contrast to the busy intersection. Rogers Heights Road, a gravel lane, runs through the center of the property. Stone pillar gateposts remain to one side of the road. Another pair of pillars from a former second entrance is located across Rowe Boulevard in a small wooded area off of Forbes Street. Full-grown trees, including maple, cedar, oak, and pine, provide a quiet, shady canopy for the neighborhood. Most of the houses are located in the western half of the property and sit fairly close to the road. To the east of the road, there is an open area of lawn. A thick line of trees separates and buffers the property from Rowe Boulevard. The northern part of the property is heavily wooded and slopes down to where it borders Weems Creek.

The houses range from one to two stories in height and are generally small in scale. They are situated in close proximity to each other and in a somewhat regular distribution along the road. The front facades of some houses are oriented to face the road directly, while others are at an angle to the road, providing an irregular street rhythm.

The earliest residences in the district include 3 one-and-one-half story bungalows with one-story fully-engaged screened porches. The houses' wide asphalt-shingled gable roofs feature large shed dormers. The houses are sided with asbestos shingles. The asymmetrical fenestration includes six-over-six or six-over-one double-hung sash windows and French doors. All three bungalows are painted white.

A small agricultural building associated with the original Solomson farm has been converted to a single residence. The simple structure is two stories with a one story shed roof addition. Another former outbuilding of the original property is a three-bay, one story garage, used now for storage. The residence at 306 Rogers Heights Road, formerly a dance pavilion, features a wide, hipped roof and a unique triangular porch.

321 Rogers Heights Road consists of two manufactured homes dating to circa 1950 that were joined together to make one home. As a result, the home has two front doors. It has a concrete block raised basement, a central brick chimney, casement windows, an asphalt shingle gable roof and is sided in asbestos. Close by sits a garage apartment with a main entrance on the second level.

The last two residences built on the property are two Cape Cod cottages, both one story in height. Both feature the same building materials found on the other houses in the neighborhood.

Generally, there have been few alterations to the any of the buildings beyond small, one-room additions. The neighborhood is distinguished from the surrounding area by the presence of the overarching trees and the private nature of its layout. All of the structures, a total of nine houses and the first set of gateposts, on the property are older than fifty years and contribute to the district's integrity. The second set of gateposts are not included in the district boundaries. As a collection, the houses provide a good example of some of the variety and transition of early-twentieth century residential architecture.

8. Significance

Inventory No. AA-2312

Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other: _____

Specific dates 1945 **Architect/Builder** unknown

Construction dates c.1920-c.1955

Evaluation for:

☒ National Register ☒ Maryland Register ☐ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

The Rogers Heights Historic District is recommended eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion C for Architecture. The district consists of an intact collection of various early twentieth century styles.

Rogers Heights was once part of larger estate. Prior to 1945, the property belonged to Moses Solomson, a farmer who lived in a three-story structure, which is no longer extant, located in the vicinity of what is now the intersection of Rowe Boulevard and Farragut Road. Rogers Heights was originally called Solomsons Heights. The oldest homes were built as summer guest homes for the main estate. They are simple examples of the Bungalow style that became popular shortly after the turn of the century and flourished into the 1930s.

Deriving from the Hindustani word "Bangla," signifying a low house surrounded by porches, a bungalow is characterized by its one or one-and-one-half story size, large porches, projecting eaves, and low and simple lines. Largely popularized through the use of plan books and illustrations in such magazines as *Ladies Home Journal*, bungalows were primarily located in suburban environments that became available to young families with the advent of the streetcar/trolley system and automobiles in the early-twentieth century. The growth of Rogers Heights and surrounding neighborhoods can be attributed to the coming of passenger railroad to the Weems Creek vicinity. The inexpensive nature of bungalow design appealed to young couples and middle class families.¹

The Bungalow style was the antithesis of Victorian architecture that preceded it. The low lines of bungalows gave them a solidity that offered comfort and security. Deep generous porches, which often functioned as additional rooms, created a harmonious nature between the outside world and the home. Front porches allowed owners to chat with passersby invoking a neighborly feeling. Bungalows suggested a less formal lifestyle for occupants that allowed more time for leisure and recreational activities.²

The interiors of bungalows were often as simple and efficient as their exteriors. Open floor plans, which have no delineation between public and private space, facilitated movement within the dwelling and informal family life. Unpretentious design helped increase the appearance of an average size lot through the use of horizontal lines and low heights. The development of new materials such as concrete block, asphalt shingles and metal siding also changed the style of these dwellings and emphasized the buildings' design and construction flexibility.³

¹ Clifford Edward Clark, Jr., *The American Family Home, 1800-1960*, (Chapel Hill: The University of North Carolina Press, 1986), p.179, 185.

² *Ibid.*, p.173.

³ Kenneth T. Jackson, *Crabgrass Frontier, The Suburbanization of the United States*, (New York: Oxford University Press, 1985), p.186

9. Major Bibliographical References

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Clark, Clifford Edward, Jr. The American Family Home, 1800-1960. Chapel Hill: The University of North Carolina Press, 1986.
Jackson, Kenneth T. Crabgrass Frontier, The Suburbanization of the United States. New York: Oxford University Press, 1985.
Personal communication with Jean McCormick, co-owner, June 10, 2003
Personal communication with Betty Whiteside, co-owner, President, Rogers Heights Community Association, June, 23, 2003.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property	<u>5.21</u>	
Acreage of historical setting	<u>unknown</u>	
Quadrangle name	<u>Annapolis</u>	Quadrangle scale: <u>1:24,000</u>

Verbal boundary description and justification

The boundary of the Rogers Heights Historic District follows the tax parcel 3Z 2-125. It is bordered to the east by Rowe Boulevard (MD 70) and to the north by Weems Creek. The area is deeded and owned as one property. Most of the residences are rentals. The district has been one property from the time of its historical significance.

11. Form Prepared by

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city or town	Mechanicsburg	state	PA

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

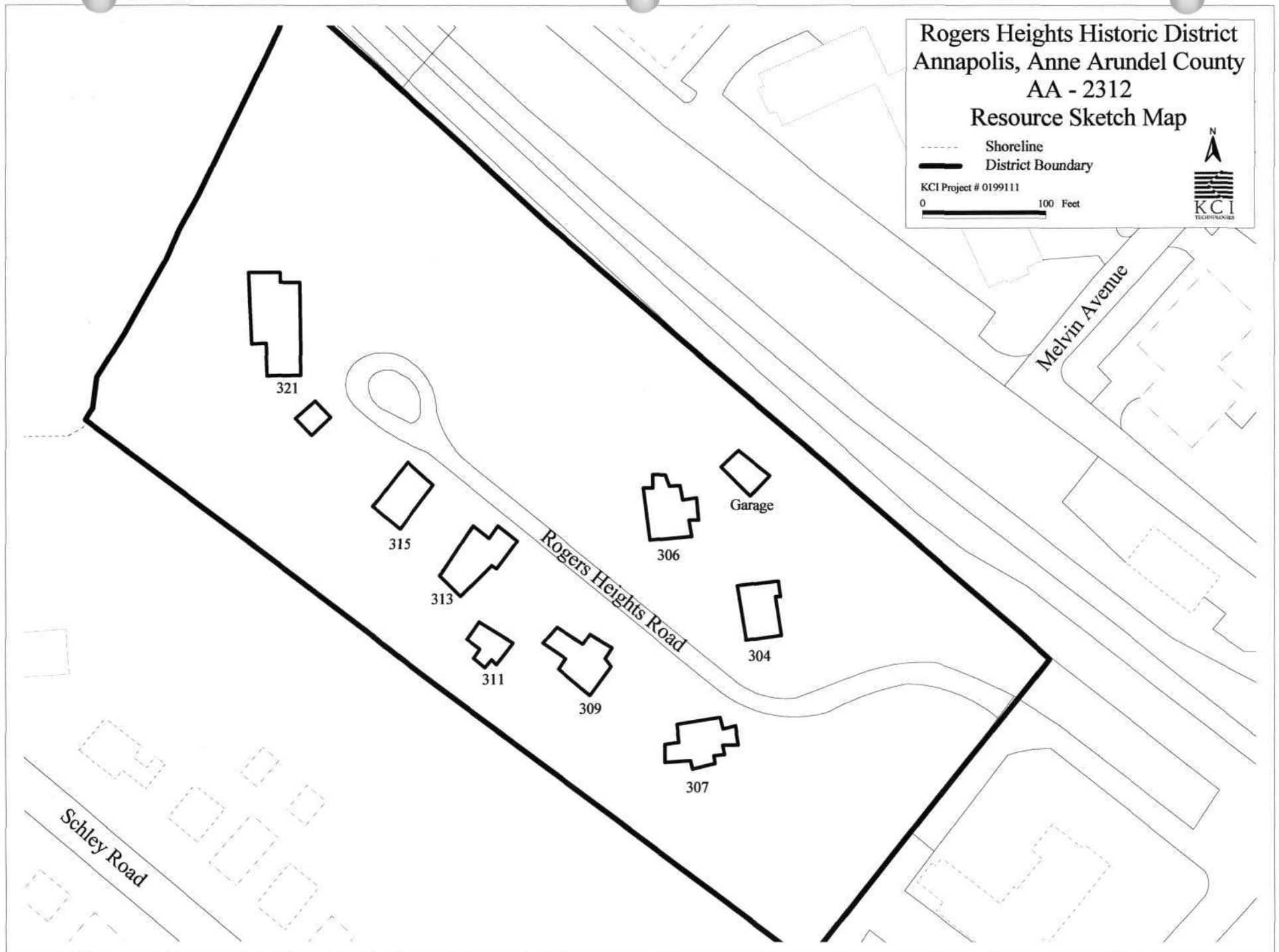
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DHCD/DHCP
100 Community Place
Crownsville, MD 21032-2023
410-514-7600

Rogers Heights Historic District
Annapolis, Anne Arundel County
AA - 2312
Resource Sketch Map

----- Shoreline
----- District Boundary

KCI Project # 0199111

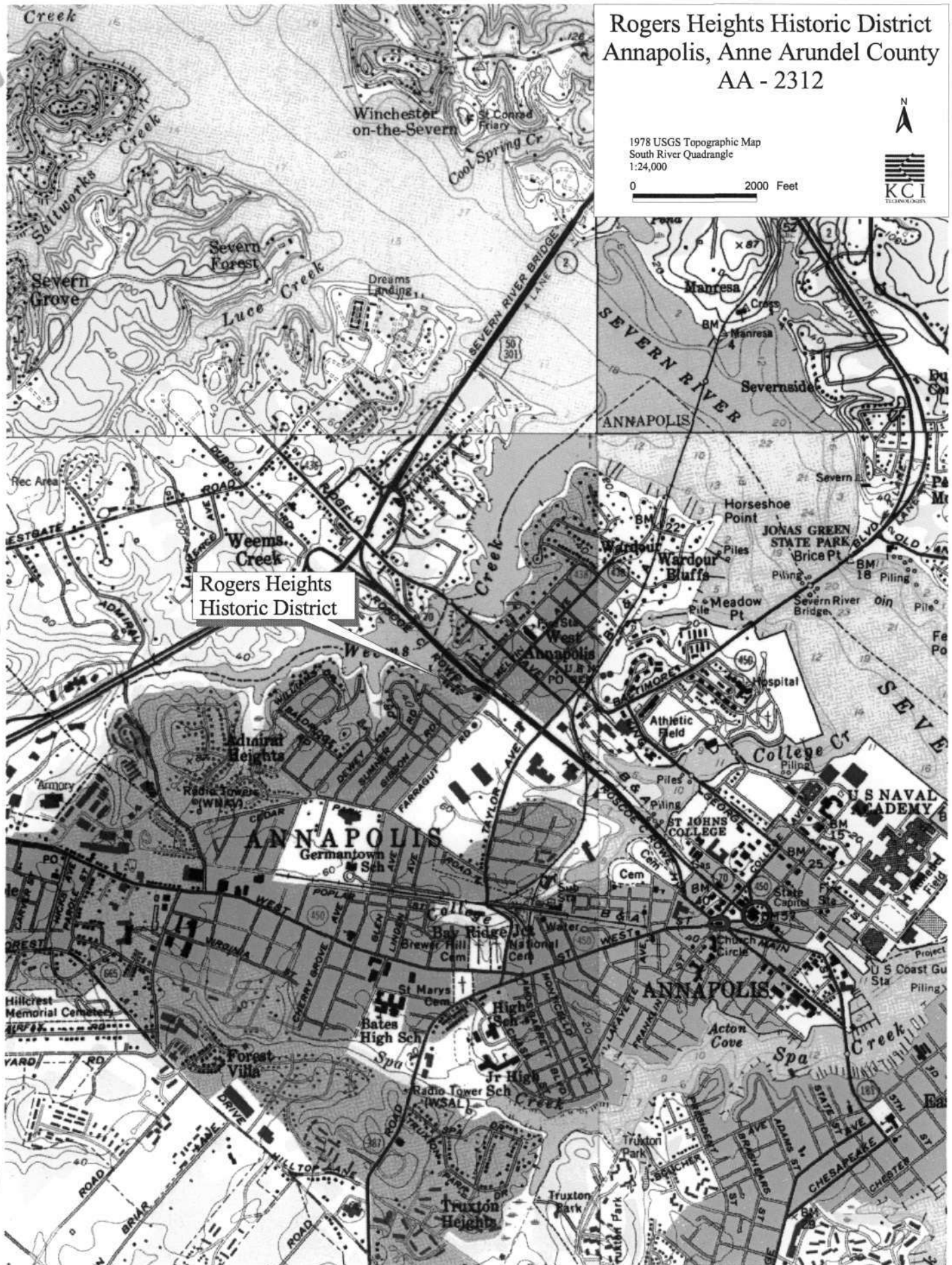
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Rogers Heights Historic District
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1978 USGS Topographic Map
South River Quadrangle
1:24,000

0 2000 Feet





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Rogers Heights Historic District

Anne Arundel Co., MD

Janet Emery

June 2003

MD SHPO

Stone pillars at entrance remains

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ROGERS HEIGHTS HISTORIC DISTRICT
ARLIE ARUNDEL

J E MEERY

6/10/03

MD SHPO

GATEPOST near Forbes Street

Facing North

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ROGERS HEIGHTS HISTORIC DISTRICT

ANNE ARUNDEL

J. LIVERY

6/10/03

MD 51103

Streetscape facing WEST

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ROGERS HEIGHTS HISTORIC

ALMA ARUNDEL

J. EMERY

6/10/03

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STREETSCAPE FACING NORTH

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Landscape

Rogers Heights Historic District

Anne Arundel Co., MD

Janet Emery

June 2003

MD SHPD

Facing northwest, open space in district

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ROBERTS HISTORIC DISTRICT

ANNE ARUNDEL

J. EMERY

6/10/03

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LANDSCAPE FACING NORTHWEST

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313 Rogers Heights Road

Rogers Heights Historic District

Anne Arundel Co., MD

Janet Emery

june 20030

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North elevation of dwelling

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309 Rogers Heights Road

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Anne Arundel Co., MD

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North elevation of dwelling

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311 Rogers Heights Road

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Anne Arundel Co., MD

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North elevation of dwelling

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ROGERS HEIGHTS HISTORIC DISTRICT

ANNE ARUNDEL

J LIVERY

6/10/03

MD SHPO

GARAGE ON ORIGINAL ESTATE

FRONT ROWE BOULEVARD MEDIAN

FACING SOUTH

10 or 15



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Garage

Rogers Heights Historic District

Anne Arundel Co., MD

Janet Emery

June 2003

MD SHPO

Garage of original Solomonson house

East elevation

of 16



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ROGERS HEIGHTS HISTORIC DISTRICT

ALMA A. WALKER

J. B. EMERY

6/10/55

MD SHPO

306 ROGERS HEIGHTS ROAD

FACING NORTH

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321 Rogers Heights Road

Rogers Heights Historic District
Anne Arundel Co., MD

Janet Emery

June 2003

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Northeast elevation of Harundale house

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321 Rogers Heights Road

"Little house"

Rogers Heights Historic District

Anne Arundel Co., MD

Janet Emery

June 2003

MD SHPO

North elevation of dwelling

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ROSE HILLS HISTORIC DISTRICT

ANNE ARUNDEL

J. E. MERY

6/25/03

ND SHPO

304 ROGERS HEIGHTS ROAD

FACING Northeast

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307 Rogers Heights Historic District

307 Rogers Heights Historic District

Anne Arundel, MD

Janet Emery

June 2003

MD SHPO

North elevation of house

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